

## Special Milk Program Required Items for the Online Sponsor Application “Checklist Summary” in the Connecticut State Department of Education’s (CSDE) Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs

This chart applies to public schools, private schools, and residential child care institutions (RCCIs) that participate in the U. S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) [Special Milk Program \(SMP\)](#). As part of the Child Nutrition Program (CNP) sponsor agreement renewal for school year 2021-22, school food authorities (SFAs) must upload the following specific documents in the “Checklist Summary” of the CSDE’s Online Application and Claiming System for Child Nutrition Programs ([CNP System](#)). Please review the chart to determine which checklist items relate to your program. The CSDE has updated all documents for school year 2021-22.

<b>Required Forms/Documents</b> to upload into the CNP online sponsor application ( <b>Checklist Items</b> )	SFAs participating in the <b>Special Milk Program (<i>free option</i>)</b> that process <b>free and reduced-price applications</b>	<b>Special Milk Program (<i>paid only</i>)</b>
1. Policy Statement (must be signed by an Authorized Signer)	X	X
2. Public Media Release	X	
3. Site Information on Money Collection and Point-of-Service (POS) Milk Count Systems	X	X
4. Milk Application and Data Management Process	X	
5. Parent/Guardian Letter: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) About Free School Milk	X	
6. Parent/Guardian Notification Letter (approving or denying milk benefits)	X	
7. Parent/Guardian Notification Letter for Direct Certification based on SNAP, TFA, or Medicaid Benefits (Version 1)	X	
8. Parent/Guardian Notification letter for Direct Certification based on Foster Child, Homeless, Runaway or Head Start (Version 2)	X	

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9. Parent/Guardian Notification letter for Direct Certification based on Medicaid Benefits – Reduced-price Meals (Version 3)		
10. Letter to Household of Notification of Selection for Verification of Eligibility		
11. Letter of Verification Results and Adverse Action for Income Households		
12. CEP Policy Statement Addendum		
13. CEP Public Media Release		
14. CEP Parent Notification (for newly participating SFAs or sites only)		

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For more information, visit the Connecticut State Department of Education’s (CSDE) [CNP System](#) and [Eligibility for Free and Reduced-price Meals and Milk in School Nutrition Programs](#) webpages, or contact the [school nutrition programs](#) staff in the CSDE Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 504, Hartford, CT 06103.

This handout is available at [https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/CNPsystem/SMP\\_Application\\_Checklist.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/CNPsystem/SMP_Application_Checklist.pdf).

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